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Today's Topics:

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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official  
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Date: 22 Nov 93 03:17:21 edt  
From: newsflash.concordia.ca!altitude!mala.CAM.ORG!mala!Ranfry@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: Another possible use  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

-=> Quoting Andy @wco.ftp.com (andy N to All <=-

A@(N> In article <msanders-191193101349@msanders.sim.es.com>  
A@(N> msanders@sim.es.com (Milt Sanders) writes: >I would rather pound the  
A@(N> keyboard than whistle or key in Morse. Packet >transfers information  
A@(N> much faster than Morse using bits and bytes... I am >using English from  
A@(N> me to the computer right now, and you will be reading >this in English  
A@(N> from the computer to you -- no Morse involved.  
>Please clue me in on what I am missing?

A@(N> Since I started this thread, I'll jump back in.

A@(N> Typing on a keyboard is a nice, fast way of inputing to a desktop

A@<N> computer. Once you go portable, the keyboard is the hardest thing to  
A@<N> shrink. I bet you can't touch-type on the keyboard of a pocket  
A@<N> computer, the keys are just too small. Computer manufacturers are  
A@<N> using tablets as input devices on machines such as the Newton. The  
A@<N> computer has to decipher your handwriting. Handwriting is slower than  
A@<N> typing to begin with, and when you have to go back to fix the mistakes,  
A@<N> inputting to a Newton seems awfully slow. All the other pen machines  
A@<N> are worse. Of course, software to decipher morse code makes mistakes  
A@<N> too, not sure if it would be better or worse than deciphering  
A@<N> handwriting.

Another alternative is the chordic keyboard. This system of  
keyboard is designed to be used with one hand and is relatively easy  
to learn to use. Once you are able to use it, typing is pretty fast,  
faster than writing or coding.

This type of keyboard is usually the size of a keypad, and is  
quite comfortable to use.

\_\_\_ Blue Wave/QWK v2.12

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Date: 23 Nov 93 19:58:19 -0600  
From: nntp.ucsb.edu!library.ucla.edu!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!howland.reston.ans.net!  
vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!sdd.hp.com!saimiri.prima.te.wisc.edu!news.doit.wisc.edu!  
uwec.edu!whitemp@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: No Code etc...  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <NH7FDc1w165w@amanda.jpunix.com>, robert@amanda.jpunix.com (Robert)  
writes:

> As long as the Codeless Technicians continue to bitch about not being  
Err, not all No Code Tech's are bitching. I am a No Code Tech, and  
I'm not bitching about the restriction on code on HF.

I was a novice, dropped out because I didn't have access to equipment,  
got back in quick and dirty via no code, and am starting w/the code  
again.

CODE IS GOOD. BTW, another no code tech friend and myself are getting  
together to learn the code over the Holidays. Best way to learn the  
thing is w/a friend - what is fun, is easily learnely

> In short, as long as they sit on their lazy asses and bitch about how

> unfair our current licensing structure is, I will remain here, offering  
> helpful advice and suggestions to these useless, clueless bastards.

Be nice.

> --Robert  
-mw-  
n9uxc  
whitemp@cnsvox.uwec.edu

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Date: Mon, 22 Nov 93 00:39:29 CST  
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!cs.utexas.edu!swrinde!  
menudo.uh.edu!jpunix!unkaphaed!amanda!robert@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: No Code etc...  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Ed Ellers <EDELERS@delphi.com> writes:

> If you had tried, unsuccessfully, for TWENTY YEARS to learn something, you  
> wouldn't have such a superior attitude.

Ed, please quote a portion of the post you are replying to.

--Robert

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| A Codeless Technician is never a villain in his own eyes. |  
| Keep this in mind; it may offer a way to make him your friend. |  
If not, you can kill him without hate - and quickly.

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Date: Mon, 22 Nov 93 00:37:21 CST  
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!gatech!swrinde!menudo.uh.edu!  
jpunix!unkaphaed!amanda!robert@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: No Code etc...  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Ed Ellers <EDELERS@delphi.com> writes:

> NO. I do NOT want to "memorize the question pools," and I bitterly resent yo  
> implication that I have such a desire.

Would you support requiring essay or fill-in-the-blank answers as opposed  
to the current multiple-choice, Ed?

--Robert

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Date: Mon, 22 Nov 93 00:40:46 CST  
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!cs.utexas.edu!swrinde!  
menudo.uh.edu!jpunix!unkaphaed!amanda!robert@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: No Code etc...  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Ed Ellers <EDELLERS@delphi.com> writes:

> Jay, it may come as a big surprise to you, but I would NOT "rather bitch than  
> work." I agree that many do, but who are you to say that I do just because I  
> happen to oppose the Morse Code requirement?

Ed, please quote a portion of the post you are replying to.

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Date: Mon, 22 Nov 93 00:41:55 CST  
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!cs.utexas.edu!swrinde!  
menudo.uh.edu!jpunix!unkaphaed!amanda!robert@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: No Code etc...  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Ed Ellers <EDELLERS@delphi.com> writes:

> You must not have comprehended my statement. My point is that knowledge of  
> Morse Code is not relevant to the use of OTHER MODES. I made NO assertions a  
> all about the continued popularity of CW in the Amateur Radio Service; its  
> popularity is beside the point.

Ed, please quote a portion of the post you are replying to.

--Robert

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From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!swrinde!menudo.uh.edu!  
jpunix!unkaphaed!amanda!robert@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: No Code etc...  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Ed Ellers <EDELLERS@delphi.com> writes:

> Jeff, I'n getting disgusted and angry at your attitude. Instead of giving a  
> rational argument to rebut mine, you act as though 11 meters and Part 15 are  
> the only alternatives and must always remain so. We're not talking about 11  
> meters, or 1750 meters, or about FM broadcast band operation -- we're talking  
> about amateur radio.

Ed, please quote a portion of the post you are replying to.

--Robert

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Date: Sun, 21 Nov 93 01:53:10 EST  
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!math.ohio-state.edu!caen!  
malgudi.oar.net!wariat.org!mystis!dan@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: No Code etc...  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

gary@ke4zv.atl.ga.us (Gary Coffman) writes:

> We have a code test free license because people \*worked hard\* through  
> the established political process to convince the FCC that it was in

> the best interests of the US and the amateur radio service. We now have  
> to work even harder to convince the ITU that a Morse licensing requirement  
> is irrelevant to furthering the international purposes of amateur licensing.  
>  
> Gary

Thank you Gary. I want to also thank all those that provided INTELEGENT arguments to this topic. I have to admit that my attitude has changed somewhat on the HF-CODE-TESTING topic. I still feel that morse will EVENTUALLY dissapear from the entire amateur spectrum. But, I have learned much from the discussion, and I feel that I may learn even more as the discussion continues. Thanks specifically to those pro-testing hams that chose to disagree with me using real arguments, I have learned a lot and I appriciate it. Arguing and bickering are counter productive, the calm and rational discussion is enlightening.

Also, THANK YOU to all that sent me advice on getting my code speed up. I am still working on it and still open to constructive suggestions. But, I WILL get there. 73,

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|| Dan Pickersgill  N8PKV    || 'Pots have handles, Magazines have ||
|| dan@mystis.wariat.org    ||      Personals, Hams have Names'    ||
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|| 'Your enemy is never a villian in his own eyes. Keep this in ||
|| mind; it may offer a way to make him your friend. If not you ||
|| can kill him without hate - and quickly.' -Lazarus Long      ||
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Date: Sun, 21 Nov 93 02:04:42 EST  
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!math.ohio-state.edu!caen!  
malgudi.oar.net!wariat.org!mystis!dan@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: This is a hobby not a  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

robert@amanda.jpunix.com (Robert) writes:

> Actually, for someone first learning the code, they should on the SOUND  
> of the letters as opposed to visualizing dots and dashes (which adds an  
> unnecessary step in decoding, limiting speed).  
>  
> Therefore:  
> didah           A  
> dahdididit     B  
> dahdidahdit    C

>  
> --Robert

A CONSTRUCTIVE comment from ROBERT?

I know I said I would not respond to you anymore, but I just HAD to say SOMETHING. I thought constructive comments were beyond you. There may be hope for you yet, Robert. Congradulations!

Of course I am fully prepared for you to prove me wrong.

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Date: 22 Nov 93 03:17:26 edt  
From: newsflash.concordia.ca!altitude!mala.CAM.ORG!mala!Ranfry@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: This is a hobby not a  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

=> Quoting Jherman @uhunix3.uhcc.haw to All <=-

J@> In article <11201993.031818@mala.cam.org> ranfry@mala.cam.org (Ranfry)

J@> writes: >

> P@> PS: Incidentally, no, CW is not dead in the other services. Try DXing  
> P@> the "utes" sometime.

>

> Yeah, right, like how many companies use Morse to communicate?

>Which armies use it? Come on, show me.

>

J@> ``Like'', how many recreational hunters use the same weapons as our

J@> military? No reason to compare the two.

J@> Just learn the code. Here, I'll help you:

J@> . \_ A

J@> \_... B

J@> \_.\_. C

J@> Now you know your A, B, C's. Tomorrow we'll learn D, E, and F.

J@> Jeff NH6IL

Another strawman argument. The original assertion was that Morse code is not obsolete and that nothing came to successfully replace it. I am attempting to awaken the idiot, to acquaint him with reality.

\_\_\_ Blue Wave/QWK v2.12

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Date: Fri, 26 Nov 93 21:10:11 EST  
From: munnari.oz.au!spool.mu.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!news.delphi.com!usenet@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: What is HAM?  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

I have quite a simple question:  
What exactly is HAM radio? And how do I obtain a HAM radio?

Thanks for any help

Chang Lin  
CHANGLIN@delphi.com

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Date: Sun, 21 Nov 93 02:17:17 EST  
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!math.ohio-state.edu!caen!malgudi.oar.net!wariat.org!mystis!dan@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Why the L.A. .435 repeater wasn't shut down  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

robert@amanda.jpunix.com (Robert) writes:

> dan@mystis.wariat.org (Dan Pickersgill N8PKV) writes:  
>  
> > jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu (Jeff Herman) writes:  
> >  
> > > I mentioned The Mess on the L.A. 147.435 repeater - that machine was  
> > > destroyed in the Malibu fire a few weeks ago. I received an interesting  
> > > email from someone very familiar with the problems in L.A. He stated



> > > that the other repeater owners strongly desired that .435 NOT be  
> > > shut down - these other owners went so far as to pay the expenses  
> > > for .435 to keep it operating. Why? So that the bulk of The Mess  
> > > would stay on just one machine; if .435 were shut down The Mess would  
> > > infiltrate other repeaters. I believe the email writer even stated  
> > > that those owners who refused to support .435 had trouble with  
> > > jamming (sounds like radio terrorism).  
> > >  
> > > The Mess has now infiltrated the 147.22 CLARA repeater - they've  
> > > essentially taken it away from the prior users.  
> > >  
> > > Jeff NH6IL  
> > >  
> > Jeff, sounds like someone should build some dopplers and make a few  
> > quads. Actually a properly attenuated beam is best. To jam they have to  
> > transmit. The more they do THAT, the easier they make it for me to find  
> > them.  
>  
> The Barney Fife of the airwaves. Don't forget the bullet in your pocket!  
>  
> --Robert

No, all 6 go in the cylinder.

And I KNEW you would prove me wrong.

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|| can kill him without hate - and quickly.' -Lazarus Long           ||
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Date: Mon, 22 Nov 1993 05:46:49 GMT  
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!kahuna!jeffrey@ames.arpa  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <1993Nov18.154754.23881@icaen.uiowa.edu>,  
<u2F9cc2w165w@mystis.wariat.org>, <931121.81381.EDELLERS@delphi.com>  
Subject : Re: Why isn't Amateur Radio like CB?

In article <931121.81381.EDELLERS@delphi.com> Ed Ellers <EDELLERS@delphi.com>  
writes:

>If the FCC \*did\* resume requiring CB licenses, they'r probably catch hell from  
>Congress after IT catches hell from all those ordinary (non-trucker, non-good  
>buddy) drivers who have bought emergency-use CB rigs from GE, Radio Shack and  
>others in the past few years.

Ed, DON'T WORRY! There's no Morse test. I believe the previous license  
forms just asked for name and address and other such information.

Jeff NH6IL

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